



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Calhoun County High

Calhoun

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 490

Principal: Sheridan Hamilton

Superintendent: James K. Westbury

Board Chair: Thomas Arant

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	Gold	Met	N/A
2006	Average	Excellent	N/A	Met	CSI-DELAY

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	4	10	9	9

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	73.6%	81.0%	64.0%	65.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.5%	13.8%	19.5%	16.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.8%	5.2%	16.5%	18.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	96.1%	86.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

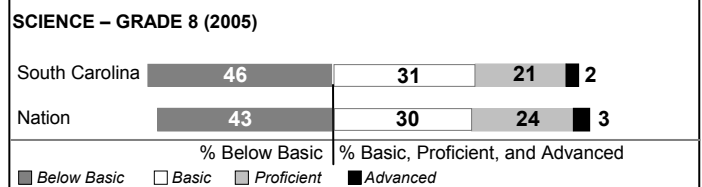
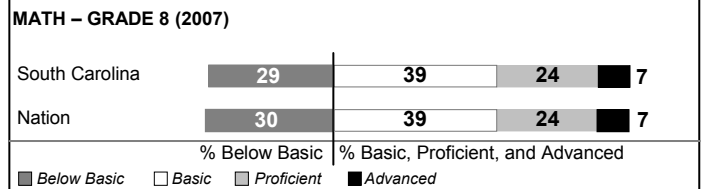
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	112	126
Number of Diplomas	101	86
Rate (%)	90.2%	65.1%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	72.7%	58.0%
English 1	49.2%	41.7%
Physical Science	23.1%	30.0%
All Tests	49.6%	44.4%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=490)				
Retention rate	7.1%	Up from 4.8%	10.5%	6.1%
Attendance rate	96.7%	No Change	93.4%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.4%	Down from 7.1%	3.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	8.9%	Down from 9.2%	15.4%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	3.9%	Up from 0.0%	2.0%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	Down from 5.6%	5.4%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	16.8%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.0%	Down from 27.1%	25.3%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Up from 2.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.0%	Up from 4.2%	5.3%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	375	Up from 333	331	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	80.3%	Up from 59.9%	75.7%	79.6%
Teachers (n=34)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.9%	Down from 55.9%	52.9%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	85.3%	Up from 76.5%	55.1%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	15.2%	Up from 10.0%	20.0%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.0%	Down from 82.1%	79.0%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	91.4%	Down from 94.7%	95.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$45,272	Up 4.0%	\$44,347	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	17.4%	Up from 13.9%	10.5%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.5 to 1	Down from 26.2 to 1	22.1 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 89.3%	87.1%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,593	Up 4.0%	\$8,861	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	50.9%	Down from 52.1%	53.7%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	54.6%	Down from 61.2%	61.0%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Fair	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		80.8%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	63	4
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.4%	64.5%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.9%	61.3%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	64.5%	80.6%	I/S

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"Marching Toward Excellence"

One of the biggest highlights of the 2007-08 school year was being named "One of America's Best High Schools" by US News and World Report. This award was given based on improvement statistics alone. It was not solicited in any manner, and it was great to be selected. All of the hard work of our teachers, students, and staff brought local, state, and national recognition to Calhoun County High School. We are all proud of this honor!

The school met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind Act by meeting all 13 objectives for two consecutive years. The school received an absolute rating of Good on the State Report Card and an Improvement Rating of Average. Our achievements were celebrated by our faculty, staff, students, and community.

Faculty members revised and enhanced curriculum guides for every subject offered at Calhoun County High School. This work is a part of the continuous effort of teachers at CCHS to improve teaching and learning. Students followed a seven period class schedule in 2007-08. Students in the Freshman Academy remained grouped by gender for core content instruction. Over 23 percent of graduating seniors qualified as Life Scholars, three students earned Palmetto Fellow Awards, and two received Wendy's Heisman Scholarships.

Our goal is for all CCHS students to "continue the march" toward academic and athletic excellence. An Artist in Residence assisted students in painting Media Center furniture with lively colors, and the school was awarded a Lowe's grant to provide a Parent Center. The JROTC Program passed a formal military review this year and maintained its designation as an Honor Unit with Distinction. The Boys' Basketball team won its third consecutive Class A State championship, and the football team advanced to the state playoffs.

We are expanding our partnerships with the community and local colleges so that our students are offered the best opportunities to prepare for their futures. Our partnerships contributed to our overall success in 2007-08. We are committed to continuous improvement.

Ms. Karen Brophy, School Improvement Council Chair
Mrs. Sheridan Hamilton, Principal

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